

Minutes of a meeting of the **Resources Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 29th February 2016** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Bates
 Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins
 Cllr. P. Collins
 Cllr. J. Harvey Chair
 Cllr. D. Isham
 Cllr. A. Mahi Town Mayor
 Cllr. H. Mordue
 Cllr. Mrs. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. M. Smith
 Cllr. Mrs. Strain-Clark
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury
 Cllr. M. Try

Also present: Mr. C. Wayman Town Clerk
 Mr. D. Jones Deputy Town Clerk
 Mrs. C. Carter Committee Clerk

796/15 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive apologies from Councillors Hiron and Bloomfield.

797/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

798/15 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 4th January 2016 and ratified by Full Council on 25th January 2016.

799/15 Minutes of CSG Committee

To receive the minutes of the CSG Committee meeting held on Monday 13th January 2016. **CSG/06/15** Previously circulated
 Agreed

Cllr Try arrived during the following item

800/15 Motion

Cllr Harvey – Buckingham Town Council agrees to ask the Town Clerk to explore the options Town Council to take over the car parks currently run by AVDC, with a view to allowing the Town Council to set the parking charge policy

Cllr Harvey explained he had brought the motion to Council as it was an ongoing issue for the town, worth debating under new legislation, and to consider what options might be available to the Town Council.

Members were generally happy with the spirit of the motion and briefly discussed the history behind the current parking charges in Cornwalls Meadow.

The Town Clerk informed Members the operating costs in 2012 were reported at £202,000, whilst income was approximately £125,000, making a loss of £77,000.

Councillors discussed varied options including returning some of the car parks to short stay only, whilst encouraging long stay further out of town; extensions or adding 1st floor level parking.

Cllr Smith proposed an amendment to the motion, accepted by Cllr Harvey of 'and increasing the capacity'.

The substantive motion became:

Buckingham Town Council agrees to ask the Town Clerk to explore the options Town Council to take over the car parks currently run by AVDC, with a view to allowing the Town Council to set the parking charge policy, and increasing the capacity.

Members unanimously **AGREED** the motion, and requested a report be brought back to the next meeting. **ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

801/15 Action Report

To receive and discuss the report.

(625/13) Apprenticeship – The Deputy Town Clerk reported 6 replies received, 4 of which were credible candidates from the local schools. Interviews would be held at the end of the week.

(794/14) Strategic Planning – further discussion required between the Town Clerk and Cllr Harvey.

(874/14) Red Cross Centre – It was unclear as to when Council meetings could start taking place at the Red Cross Centre. Facilities and costs were not confirmed, though Cllr Mordue commented that part of County's agreement with the Church was to allow the Town Council meetings in the meeting room on Monday evenings free of charge.

Proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr O'Donoghue and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the Town Clerk clarify the position with regards to access, facilities and cost, and that the Town Council decide formally whether to move Council meetings to the Red Cross Centre

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

(418/15) Cotton End Steps – Cllr Stuchbury reported the issue was still in abeyance. Cllr Smith commented following brief discussion, that it was not a question of the people currently using the access, but point of principle that a development had been permitted without easy and reasonable access for those who were less able in the community.

(533/15) Disabledgo – The Town Clerk reported an invitation would be going out for local groups to attend a consultation event in the Community Centre on 15th March.

802/15 Accounts and Budgets

Members are asked to receive and consider the attached Income and Expenditure reports.

Members briefly discussed queries on web site costs, disabledgo, College Farm and new signage.

803/15 Chamber Wall

To receive and discuss Tenders received for repair
The Deputy Town Clerk reported no formal tenders had been received. Members discussed a couple of different solutions.

Proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Stuchbury and **AGREED** to suspend Financial Regulations due to the difficulty in obtaining a suitable provider, and enable the Deputy Town Clerk to look at alternatives.

The Deputy Town Clerk would approach some of the suggested smaller building firms and report back. **ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

804/15 Insurance

To receive quotes for the Town Council's local council insurance policy and agree the providers, to receive a verbal recommendation from the Deputy Town Clerk. Members **AGREED** the Deputy Town Clerk's recommendation to proceed with the Zurich 5 year long term agreement. **ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

805/15 Lace Hill Community Centre

To receive and discuss the following draft documents; to agree amendments
805.1 Community Centre Co-ordinator job description
805.2 Community Centre Co-ordinator person specification
Members **AGREED** that there were various issues about what the required role was, and it's focus. Members **AGREED** rather than go through the specification and description point by point, to delegate the matter to the Town Clerk, Cllrs Harvey and Isham to resolve, with specialist input from Cllr Newell if required. **ACTION: TOWN CLERK/CLLRS HARVEY/ISHAM/NEWELL**

806/15 Charter Fair

To receive a written report from the Deputy Town Clerk

Proposed by Cllr P Collins, seconded by Cllr O'Donoghue and **AGREED** that the contract should be explicit and state 2016-2019.

Subject to the recommended amendments, Members **AGREED** the contract.

807/15 Chairman's Announcements

None

808/15 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th April 2016

Meeting closed at: 8.05pm

Signed..... Date.....